



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1006

2013-2014; environment; budget reconciliation

Purpose

Makes necessary statutory changes relating to the environment to reconcile the FY 2014 state budget.

Background

The Arizona Constitution prohibits substantive law from being included in the general appropriations, capital outlay appropriations and supplemental appropriations bills. However, it is often necessary to make statutory and temporary law changes to effectuate the budget. Thus, separate bills called budget reconciliation bills (BRBs) are introduced to enact these provisions. Because BRBs contain substantive law changes, the Arizona Constitution provides that they become effective on the general effective date, unless an emergency clause is enacted.

Provisions

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)

1. Continues to reduce the annual state General Fund appropriation to the Water Quality Assurance Fund (WQARF), from \$15,000,000 to \$7,000,000. The bill specifies that the annual transfer cannot exceed \$7,000,000 in FY 2014. The WQARF program, or state Superfund, is designed to monitor and remediate contaminated groundwater at specified sites, and current permanent law requires an annual transfer of \$15,000,000 in Corporate Income Tax monies to WQARF (A.R.S. § 49-282).
2. Continues to suspend the Underground Storage Tank Revolving Fund Assurance Account's (SAF) statutory administrative cap in FY 2014. Allows ADEQ to transfer a combined total of \$6,531,000 from the SAF and the Regulated Substance Fund for the Department's administrative costs in FY 2014.

Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR)

3. Continues to allow the ADWR Director to increase fees for services in FY 2014 by \$100,200. Requires fees to be deposited into ADWR's Water Resources Fee Fund.
4. Continues the authorization for the Arizona Water Protection Fund Commission to grant up to \$336,000 from the Water Protection Fund to ADWR for the Department's administrative costs in FY 2014.

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Arizona State Parks Board (Board)

5. Continues the Board's authority to spend up to \$692,100 from its portion of the Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund in FY 2014 for Board operating expenses.

Arizona Navigable Stream Adjudication Commission (ANSAC)

6. Continues to allow \$80,000 from the Arizona Department of Administration's Risk Management Revolving Fund to be used by ANSAC in FY 2014 to pay legal fees.

Miscellaneous

7. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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